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In re Patent Application of)	
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Kwok On LAI <i>et al.</i>)	Group Art Unit: 1645
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Application No.: 09/157,984 ✓)	Examiner: R. Hayes
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Filed: September 22, 1998 ✓)	
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For: CLONING OF A NOVEL)	
NEUROTROPHIN NT-7 FROM)	
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in complete response to the Official Action mailed on November 6, 2000 (Paper No. 10). A two-month extension of time has been requested and the corresponding fee paid, extending the period of response until April 6, 2001.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace the paragraph beginning at page 28, line 11, with the following:

-- One important feature of NT-7 is the insertion of 15 amino acids at the position corresponding to the insertion of *Xiphophorus* NT-6. The insertion lacks the GT-AG sequence that is conserved in the intron/exon boundary. This, together with the result of RT-PCR, suggested that the insertion did not represent an intron. Since the activity of NT-7(D15) was as potent as NT-7 in both the DRG assay and the phosphorylation assay,

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